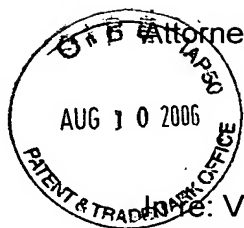


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### RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on May 16, 2006, in connection with the above-referenced application. It is respectfully requested that this application be reconsidered in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.